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SUBJECT: INDO-US RELATIONS AND INDIAN ECONOMY: CHAVAN AND
SUBRAMANIAM DISCUSS WITH AMBASSADOR

1. IN A RELATIVELY BRIEF INFORMAL BUT PRIVATE DISCUSSION AT JULY 4 RECEPTION, FONMIN CHAVAN TOLD AMBASSADOR WITH GREAT SERIOUSNESS THAT WHILE HE EXPECTED THE EMERGENCY TO BE ONLY TEMPORARY (NOT SPECIFYING ANY TIME SPAN), THE GOI INTENDED TO ENFORCE ITS CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS STRICTLY. AMBASSADOR DREW THE CLEAR INFERENCE GOI WAS ANTICIPATING FURTHER EXPULSIONS AND OBSERVED THAT IF THIS OCCURRED WE WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TO PROTEST. CHAVAN SMILED AND NODDED.
 2. ON INDO-US RELATIONS, CHAVAN URGED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF ITEMS UNDER JOINT COMMISSION SUBCOMMISSIONS BE STARTED. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT WE THOUGHT THIS SHOULD AWAIT MEETING OF JOINT COMMISSION WHEN CHAVAN WAS IN THE US IN SEPTEMBER.
 3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION AT THE SAME EVENT, FINMIN SUBRAMANIAM TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT FOR LAST THREE MONTHS, OVERALL INDIAN RATE OF INFLATION WAS ONE-HALF PERCENT, THE LOWEST IN THE WORLD. HE SAID DECLINE IN INFLATION WOULD PROVIDE GOI WITH SOME OF RESOURCES NEEDED FOR PM'S ECONOMIC PROGRAM, PROSPECTS FOR GOOD MONSOON WOULD
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PROVIDE MORE HELP, AND SELF-RESTRAINT IN IMPORTS WOULD CONTINUE

TO BE EXERCISED. SUBRAMANIAM DID NOT SPECIFICALLY TOUCH ON
RELATIONS WITH US.
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